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For: METHOD FOR SEARCHING FOR DATA OR DATA-HOLDING RESOURCES STORED CURRENTLY OR AT AN EARLIER TIME ON A DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM, WHERE ACCOUNT IS TAKEN OF THE TIME OF ITS/THEIR AVAILABILITY

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.